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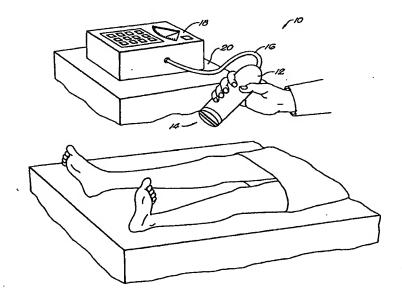
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(57) Abstract

Apparatus, methods, materials and systems for devitalizing hair follicles are disclosed in which magnetically susceptible particles are applied to a skin segment in a manner whereby the particles are deposited within the hair follicles and then subjected to a varying magnetic field to induce localized heating in the proximity of the particle, thereby devitalizing at least one component of the hair follicle to inhibit further hair growth.

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1. Claims: 1-20, 35-40, 71, 76

An improved magnetic field generator adapted to engage a region of ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{skin}}}$

2. Claims: 41-70, 72-75

A composition comprising magnetic particles sufficiently small to penetrate the skin as well as means for handling the particles

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